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In re Application of

Takeharu UCHIZONO et al.

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Examiner:

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING REDUCED POWER CONSUMPTION MODE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts having a mailing date of January 2, 2004, applicant encloses herewith a preliminary amendment correcting errors in the specification. Please enter the following amendment prior to examination on the merits.